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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN FISH SITUATION

1. EFFECTIVE APRIL 17, THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES WILL AUTHORIZE FISHING OF SARDINES, JUREL AND NEEDLEFISH FOR PROCESSING FISH MEAL AND FISH OIL. FISHING WILL TAKE PLACE 15 MILES OFF THE COAST. NO MORE THAN 60 BOATS (260 TO 300 M.T. CAPACITY), OWNED BY SMALL ENTERPRISES ARE AUTHORIZED TO FISH AS FOLLOWS: CHICAMA AND CHIMBOTE 16; HUARMEY AND SUPE 9; HUACHO AND CHANCAY5; CALLAO, TAMBO DE MORA AND PISCO 20; ATICO, LA PLANCHADA, MOLLENDON AND ILO 10. FISHING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW LONG FISHING WILL BE ALLOWED.

2. THIS ACTIVITY IS IN ADDITION TO THE EXPLORATORY FISHING CONDUCTED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH IN PERU'S SOUTHERN AREAS. IMARPE'S CRUISER AND SOME BOATS ARE NOW CONDUCTING A SIMILAR OPERATION IN THE NORTHER FISHING AREAS. AGATT SOURCES CONTINUE TO REPORT THAT TOTAL CATCH IN 1978 WILL BE LESS THAN 2 MILLION MT.

3. COMMENT: RESUMPTION OF LIMITEF FISHING ACTIVITIES
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AT THIS TIME COMES AS A SURPRISE. PUBLIC SOURCES CLOSE TO FISHING INDUSTRY HAVE CONSISTENTLY CLAIMED THAT CURRENT FISH POPULATIONS WOULD NOT WARRANT RETURN TO WATERS UNTIL EARLIEST MID-YEAR 1978 OR EVEN 1979. DECISION THUS LIKELY PREDICATED MORE ON ECONOMIC FACTORS THAN ON REAPPEARANCE OF FISH. PRIVATE BOAT OWNERS KNOWN TO HAVE PRESSED FOR ACTION. IN ANY EVENT,

ONLY 60 BOATS AUTHORIZED TO FISH, SO IT IS NOT EXPECTED
THIS WILL SIGNAL RETURN TO MAJOR ACTIVITY.

4. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT GOP IS QUIETLY SELLING
TO PVUTE BUYERS REMAINING FACILITIES OG GOVERNMENT
OWNED PESCA PERU. PUBLIC RESISTENCE TO THIS ACTION
HAS TO DATE BEEN MINIMAL.

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